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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on the Status of Women held its fifty-second session at United Nations Headquarters on 9 March 2007 and from 25 February to 7 March 2008. The Commission held _____ meetings (1st to ____).
2. The session was opened by the Chairperson of the Commission, Olivier Belle (Belgium), who also made a statement.
3. At the 2nd meeting, on 25 February, statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women.

B. Attendance

4. The session was attended by representatives of ____ States members of the Commission. Observers of other States Members of the United Nations and non-Member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers of intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended.

C. Officers of the Commission

5. In accordance with paragraph 2 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/21, the officers elected to the Bureau of the Commission should serve for a term of office of two years. The following officers were elected at the 1st meeting of the fifty-second session, on 9 March 2007:



Chairperson:

Olivier Belle (Belgium)

Vice-Chairpersons:

Ara Margarian (Armenia)

Enna Park (Republic of Korea)

Julio Peralta (Paraguay)

6. At its 2nd meeting, on 25 February 2008, the Commission elected Cécile Mballa Eyenga (Cameroon) as Vice-Chairperson and also appointed her to serve as Rapporteur during the fifty-second and fifty-third sessions.

D. Agenda and organization of work

7. At its 2nd meeting, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda and approved its organization of work as contained in document E/CN.6/2008/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century":
 - (a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives:
 - (i) Financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women;
 - (ii) Evaluation of progress in the implementation of the agreed conclusions on women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution, and in post-conflict peacebuilding;
 - (b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men;
 - (c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters.
4. Communications concerning the status of women.
5. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions.
6. Provisional agenda for the fifty-third session of the Commission.
7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-second session.

E. Appointment of the members of a working group on communications on the status of women

8. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/27, the Commission established a working group to consider communications concerning the status of

women. The following five members, nominated by their regional groups, were appointed to the working group at the fifty-second session:

Ivana Kozar (Croatia)

Carlos Enrique Garcia Gonzalez (El Salvador)

Charif Cherkaoui (Morocco)

Askar Zhumabayev (Kazakhstan)

Emil Breki Heggviðsson (Iceland)
